

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1931.

The Board of Public Works met at the offices of the Governor, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, September 9th, 1931.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

The meeting was called for the purpose of conferring with members of the Tercentenary Commission in connection with plans for the erection of a Memorial Hall of Records in Annapolis. Mr. Wm. L. Marbury, Mr. Mark O. Shriver and Mr. George R. Callis were present, representing the Tercentenary Commission, and Mr. W. N. Kirkman, State Purchasing Agent, was present in connection with information he had collected on the tablet to be erected at Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, from which point the Maryland Colonists set sail on their voyage to America in 1634.

Mr. Callis, speaker for the Commission, advocated that an architect to prepare plans for the Hall of Records building should be selected through a competition to be held under regulations prescribed by the American Institute of Architects. He explained that an architect would be selected to prepare rules for the competition, that a number of architects would be invited to submit plans, that a Jury would select the best plan, and that the cost of holding the competition, exclusive of the fee the winning architect would receive, would be in the neighborhood of \$3,000.00, although this figure was less than would be the case if the fees mentioned in the publication issued by the American Institute of Architects governing such competitions were exacted.

After considering the matter, it was decided that the question be deferred until a later meeting.

Mr. Kirkman reported that he had visited the officials at Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, and had gone over with them the question of erecting a tablet at about the point from which the Colonists sailed. He stated that he was very agreeably received by these officials, and that they promised their full cooperation in seeing that the plans for this tablet would be carried out, that is the erecting of it in place at the end of a stone balustrade at the water front, and the ceremony of unveiling it at the proper time. Arrangements for the making of the tablet and delivering it were left to the Commission.

Mr. Kirkman was asked as to progress being made in getting information in connection with sprinkler systems to be installed in State institutions. He stated he had communicated with the three leading companies

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engaged in the sprinkler business, and that specifications were being prepared for the requirements at institutions in which sprinkler systems were to be installed, important ones being the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Spring Grove State Hospital, and that plans and specifications would be ready in about two weeks time. }

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph J. Connelley
Secretary.